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THE OHIO CONVENTION.

The Republicans Getting Ready for the Fray.

The General Outlook for Blaine and Sherman—Attitude of the Various Delegations—A Proposed Blaine Mass Meeting.

CLEVELAND, April 24.—The Republican State Convention began at 2 P. M. to-day in the Tabernacle, a large building capable of seating 3,500 people. It was handsomely decorated with flags and bunting, and pictures of Garfield and Lincoln were above the rostrum.

The Hamilton County and Cuyahoga County delegations were grouped on opposite sides of the front rows. On the stage were the well known faces of many eminent Ohio Republicans, whose names have been famous for years.

They were a hopeful looking band of men. There was Butterworth, Judge West, Gen. Robinson, Captain Ogilvie, Chairman Grosvenor, ex-Congressman Townsend, Congressman Morey, and others. Foster was conspicuous by his absence. The band played a patriotic air, and when it was ended, Chairman Converse of the State Central Committee arose, and rapped for order with a cane.

He made a few congratulatory remarks, and introduced Chairman C. H. Grosvenor, of Athens. He was loudly cheered and delivered a set speech.

Immediately after the speech the temporary organization was completed by the election of Secretaries. Then the Committee on Resolutions, Permanent Organization, Rules and Credentials were announced as chosen by the several districts in their conventions; also, the names of newly-elected members of the State Central Committee. The Committees were instructed to report at 10 a. m. to-morrow, when the Convention will be permanently organized and the nominations for delegates at large and State officers will be made.

It is just reported that Blaine boomers are now ready to grasp at a straw. They will call a mass Blaine meeting to-night, to indicate the sentiment of the people. Shrewd politicians say this would hurry the Blaine faction to an early funeral, for while the surface sentiment is for Blaine, Sherman has the wire workers and delegates.

Both the Hamilton County districts will caucus before going to the Convention.

THE NEW YORK CONVENTION.

UTICA, N. Y., April 24.—The arrangements were perfect for the Republican State Convention which met here at noon. There is an intense feeling of uncertainty as to the outcome for the struggle for supremacy in the Convention, but it is generally conceded that the Edmunds delegates, if they work in unison, can throw the organization of the Convention into the hands of either the Arthur or Blaine men.

The Edmunds men held several conferences last night, and overtures were made then by leaders of the Blaine and Arthur forces, but they refused to treat or name any terms other than naming the four delegates at large and temporary chairman. Arthur leaders accepted the proposition of the Edmunds men this morning, and the latter named Andrew D. White, Edwin Packard, Theodore Roosevelt and Senator John I. Gilbert as delegates at large, and George Z. Erwin, temporary chairman.

The Edmunds men claim from 80 to 90 delegates, while the adherents of Arthur claim a few over 200. It requires 240 votes to control the convention, and should the combination hold there is likely to be a short session.

THE NINTH WISCONSIN.

STEVENS POINT, Wis., April 24.—The Ninth Congressional District yesterday elected Alexander Stewart and O. A. Ellis as delegates to the Republican National Convention. They were not instructed. A resolution endorsing the administration was adopted.

CONNECTICUT REPUBLICANS.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 24.—The Republican State Convention met here to-day with a large attendance present. Hon. Samuel Fessenden was chosen both temporary and permanent Chairman.

In his speech he referred to the repression of the free ballot in the South, and the Republican protection policy as the important issues of the party. He expressed no personal preference as to Presidential aspirants, but briefly named those most prominently mentioned.

Arthur received a round of applause, and there was prolonged cheering when General Hawley's name was mentioned. The Convention selected as delegates at large John L. Houston, Samuel E. Merwin, Jr., Augustus Brandegee and Frederick Mills.

CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY.

Senate.

During a discussion of an amendment to the rules, Mr. Plumb moved to extend the privileges of the floor to the Commissioner of Agriculture. He complained that that officer had been denied admission owing to a strained application of the rules. A discussion arose as to the position the Commissioner should hold in the list of privileged persons. Mr. Plumb wanted him to be placed next to the head of departments. Mr. Ingalls was willing the Commissioner should head the list if it would stop the cry that agriculture was bleeding in the streets because of a strict construction of the rules. The Kansas Senator then waxed ironical. "One of the recent members of the Senate," he said, "when commiserated on the fact that he was compelled to sit in what is known as the amen corner, frankly said that any seat in the Senate was better than none (laughter). This is equally true of the men who wish admittance to the chamber. The question of precedence or priority amounted to nothing. It will be generally admitted that the privilege of the floor under any circumstances is better than cooling your heels on the lobby or in the corridor. There is continuous importunity for admission to the floor of the Senate. Perhaps it is attributable to the common desire among

men to intrude themselves where they are not wanted (laughter). If you post a notice anywhere that people are not wanted, that is the place where an American wants to go and he generally gets there (laughter)."

It was decided after further debate to put the Commissioner of Agriculture next to the heads of departments. Then Mr. Morrill wanted the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute admitted to the floor. It was finally agreed that Professor Baird should have the privilege of the floor. This weighty matter having been disposed of the Senate, on motion of Mr. Miller (Cal.), who stated that there were important foreign affairs demanding attention, went into executive session.

When the doors were reopened the Senate proceeded to the consideration of unobjectionable bills on the calendar. The bill to give the assent of Congress to the construction of a free bridge by the Mayor and City Council of Nashville, Tenn., over the Cumberland River, was passed.

On motion of Mr. Voorhees, the pension bills on the calendar were taken up and passed. Among them was one granting a pension of fifty dollars per month to the widow of Rear Admiral McDougall.

Mr. Hoar gave notice that after the pleuro pneumonia and shipping bills are disposed of, he will move to take up the Mormon Bill.

The bills to accept and ratify certain agreements made with the Sioux Indians and to grant right of way through their reservation in Dakota to the Dakota Central and Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Companies was passed, and the Senate adjourned.

House.

After some unimportant business, by unanimous consent Mr. Cox (N. Y.) rose to a personal explanation calling attention to remarks made by Mr. Seales (N. C.) yesterday to the effect that he understood when Mr. Cox came to his desk that his motion was to suspend the rules and pass a resolution to print extra copies of the census compendium only, and not to include the monograph report. Mr. Seales said the gentleman would recollect that he protested against the monograph reports and said he agreed not to make the point of order under an impression that Mr. Cox would modify his resolution so as to provide for printing the compendium only. It being thus explained that the difficulty grew out of a misunderstanding the matter ended.

On motion of Mr. Morrison (Ill.) it was ordered that until further notice recess be taken from five to eight o'clock daily until otherwise ordered, the evening session, except Fridays, being devoted to debate only.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole. Mr. Welburn (Texas) concluding his speech began when the bill was last before the Committee. His argument was to show that a protective tariff was unconstitutional and unwise.

Mr. Herbert (Ala.) said the speech of the gentleman from Ohio was an eloquent plea in behalf of protection, but like all speeches on that side, put the advocates of the bill in a false position, and appealed to all kinds of prejudice to confuse the people as to the true issues. He argues that under the revenue tariff between 1850 and 1860 the country prospered most, and that the increase of manufactures and manufactured goods was greater during that decade than either decade succeeding. The same was true as to farm products, and labor was better paid during that period. Yet the gentlemen insist that these war taxes must be maintained. There had been two war tariffs, in 1812 and the late war. In the former there was the same struggle for the removal of the taxes that was going on now. The efforts to amend that tariff were like this, to charge advocates for specific duties, which, as the manufacturers improved and the article became cheaper, made the duty prohibitory. The tariff question, he said, injured the Democracy in the campaign of 1850 because the position of the party was not clearly defined. Now when labor was depressed and the farmer was not getting good prices for his crops, they would listen to an exposure of the sophistries of the protective tariff system. The people, not believing the Republicans intended to give any reduction, with great unanimity sent the present Democratic House here. He took up the bill of last year and cited a number of articles on which the duty was increased, or not reduced enough to show that a reduction had been made. This, he said, it was attempted to cover up by a reclassification in a way that nobody could understand.

At the conclusion of Mr. Herbert's speech, the Pension Appropriation Bill was taken up and passed. The House then, in accordance with a previous order, adjourned.

New Oil Territory.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 24.—An interested party says that the Standard Oil Company have put down five experimental oil wells in Tennessee and Southern Kentucky. Oil was found in large paying quantities. These wells, at a moderate depth, were found good for twenty-five barrels a day of the finest lubricating oil. In order to make certain that it was paying territory, a well was put down to the depth of 1,000 feet when the oil gushed out at the rate of 1,000 barrels a day. It was plugged up, and every trace of machinery removed. Then Taylor & Co. proceeded to get possession of the territory for miles around. Difficulty is experienced from the fact that the titles are imperfect.

Picked Jay Gould's Pocket.

NEW YORK, April 24.—George W. Johnson, an elaborately dressed colored man, formerly a bell boy in the baths adjoining the Windsor Hotel, was arraigned in Yorkville police Court yesterday for stealing a watch from T. C. Hewitt, of East Forty-sixth street, a patron of the baths. On April 7 he stole five dollars from the vest pocket of Jay Gould while the millionaire was disporting in the water. Johnson was held in \$1,000.

A Tug Burned.

LUDINGTON, Mich., April 24.—The tug Caroline Williams took fire ten miles off Big Point Au Sable, yesterday, and burned until she sank. The crew got safely into Pentwater. The Williams was owned by Cantile & Co., of Manistee, and was valued at \$10,000.

A MELANCHOLY STORY.

The Sad Fate of a Langtry Craze Victim.

The Death of Miss Ivy Hughes Under Peculiarly Painful Circumstances—A Beautiful Woman But a Bad Actress.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The funeral services held in the Church of the Annunciation, in Fourteenth street, near Sixth avenue, yesterday morning, and the subsequent burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, of the body of a beautiful girl, only twenty-two years old, were the last sad rites extended to one who fell a victim to the Langtry craze, the belief that physical beauty merely was a sufficient passport to fame and fortune on the stage.

About four months ago a young lady in elegant attire called on Mr. Augustus Pitou, the manager of Mr. John Stetson, at the Fifth Avenue Theater.

"She was one of the most beautiful women I ever saw in my life," said Mr. Pitou last evening. "She was tall and perfect in form, with oval face, and cheeks soft, velvety and rosy as peaches. She gave me her name as Ivy Hughes, admitting at the same time that was her maiden name. She told me that she had recently come from England, where she had moved in the highest circles of society. She had often performed in amateur theatricals, and had given private readings. The success which Mrs. Langtry had on the stage determined her to adopt the theatrical profession, and the strong opposition of her relatives had induced her to come to this city. She asked me for an engagement. At that time Mr. Stetson was contemplating putting "Confusion" on the road, and I thought that with a little coaching she would do for the small part of Violet. It would be an added attraction to have so beautiful a 'Violet' in the company. She gave me her address at No. 39 West Ninth street, and I told her that I would send for her as soon as we began to rehearse. I don't know what she did in the meantime, though I heard that she obtained employment as a supernumerary at Daly's Theater. She readily came to rehearsal when we sent for her about seven weeks ago, and showed a willingness to learn her part. She was a very refined lady, sprightly and intelligent, but unfortunately an entire novice in acting. She did not even understand the prompt directions in the play book. After several rehearsals we were obliged to inform her of her incompetency, and though greatly disappointed she seemed to recognize the fact herself. That is the last I saw of her."

It was this Miss Ivy Hughes who was buried yesterday. After her aspirations to become an actress had been thus nipped in the bud, she became an artist's model as a means of gaining a livelihood. Among the artists for whom she posed is Mr. J. C. Beckwith, whose studio is at No. 58 West Fifty-seventh street. Last week she was suddenly taken ill, and on Saturday she died. The physician's certificate states that her death was caused by peritonitis. While she gave Mr. Pitou the name above mentioned, with the appellation Miss prefixed, the notice published in a morning paper announces the death of Mrs. Ivy Grace Hughes. It asks the London and Melbourne papers to copy. It was said that the funeral expenses were defrayed by her friends, who gathered in the church yesterday morning, and placed many flowers and wreaths on the rosewood coffin.

HIS LAST DRINK.

A Commercial Tourist's Death in a Temperance Town.
FORSYTH, Ga., April 24.—A case of death from alcoholism has occurred here. Walter S. Barnes was one of the most popular commercial tourists in the South. For the past year his passion for strong drink had grown upon him until he became a perfect slave to it. Arriving home from Macon, he put up at the Proctor House. On finding that this was a prohibition town, he became terribly depressed, and offered a porter any sum of money if he would secure a bottle of whisky for him. The liquor was procured from some source, when Barnes, putting the bottle to his lips, drank it at one drink.

He then got a second bottle and drank half of it when the servants pressed him into bed and left him. In fifteen or twenty minutes a noise was heard in his room. A porter went there and found he had fallen out of bed and was apparently asleep. He lifted Walker to the bed and finding that he felt very hot, undressed and left him again. An hour later the porter went to call him to supper. Seeing that he appeared to be still asleep he placed his hand on his shoulder and called him. The body felt cold and looking closely the porter saw that he was dead. He was about forty years of age and leaves a wife and five children.

A Train Off the Track.

BIRMINGHAM, Tex., April 24.—Two coaches of the north-bound passenger train of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad, about a half a mile south of Renney, were derailed, resulting in more or less injury to twenty passengers. None of them, however, were so seriously hurt as to prevent the continuance of their journey. The most seriously injured are Dr. A. W. Fly, of Galveston, cut and bruised on the head; G. F. Hall, Galveston, bruised on the head, and a gentleman from New York, name unknown, left leg broken. At the time of the accident the train was running on time at a moderate speed, and the coaches overturned just as the train was brought to a stop. After a careful survey no cause could be found for the derailment.

Mississippi Republicans.

JACKSON, Miss., April 24.—The Republican State Convention is largely attended. Every county in the State is represented. About seventy-five percent of the delegates are colored, and ex-Congressman Lynch (colored), and United States Internal Revenue Collector James Hill (also colored), exercise a controlling influence. The morning hour was occupied by the several Congressional Districts in the election of delegates to the Chicago Convention.

Killed in a Well.

ERIE, Pa., April 24.—David Bowman, a well-to-do farmer of Springboro, this County, was cleaning a well yesterday, and his brother-in-law was helping him. The latter remained at the top while Bowman worked below. Suddenly the brother-in-law let a heavy plank fall down the well, crushing Bowman's skull and pinning him to the earth beneath the muddy water. He was helped out and lived two hours.

A SAD DOWNFALL.

Pitiful Case Brought Before the New York Courts.

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—A middle-aged woman, poorly dressed and dissipated looking, but still showing traces of high breeding and great beauty, sat in the quarter sessions dock yesterday, charged with the larceny of some trifling wearing apparel. Her plain black dress was faded and a bit of frayed lace was drawn around her neck. Her head was covered with an old summer hat of black straw. Her hands, clasped together, rested in her lap, and tears chased one another rapidly down her cheeks. She was indicted under the name of Margaret Miller. She said that the clothes had been given her to carry by a woman whom she became acquainted with while she was in prison for intoxication, and that she did not know where they had come from. The jury, nevertheless, returned a verdict of guilty, and the woman was sent to the County Jail for thirty days. The name Miller was an assumed one. The woman once moved in the most exclusive society in the city. Her husband, now dead, was widely known. She has two sons, one of whom is an officer of a national bank, and the other has an extensive medical practice. The woman has fallen into intemperate habits and run through her estate. No one came near her in court. She was, however, provided with a lawyer, whose fee was paid by a well-known society man.

DISGUSTING CORRUPTION.

The Beautiful State of Affairs Prevailing in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 24.—In consequence of the Post-Dispatch charge that a corrupt ring controlled municipal legislation, the House of Delegates appointed a committee of investigation which got to work after a distinct charge of accepting a bribe had been brought by that paper against one of the delegates. The committee was dismayed by the testimony of the Superintendent of the Brush Electric Light Company, who stated that he had been approached by delegate Brennan, who threatened to help defeat a bill they had before the House unless money was forthcoming, but stated that for \$500 he would help the bill and secure the votes of three other delegates. The same witness testified that Butler, Boss of the ring, visited him and offered to secure the passage of the bill, claiming that he controlled the House of Delegates, if the Company would agree to furnish Butler's Theatre with electric light gratis for the next five years. After hearing this evidence the Committee suddenly adjourned, and it is expected that they will not have another quorum for some time.

Brulser Gossip.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 24.—Mervin Thompson, the Cleveland pugilist, was advertised to spar with the Duncan C. Ross Combination here last night, and a purse of \$50 was offered for any local sparrer who would stand up before him for four rounds. It was accepted by James Kelly, who lately moved here from Colorado, where he has a reputation as a pugilist, but when the time came Thompson could not spar, as he had a bad felon on his left hand, and Kelly got the fifty dollars. The latter then offered to make a match with Thompson, even terms, and an agreement was finally reached by which the two men will come together on June 24, either at this city or Cincinnati, for \$500 a side, to spar to a finish, under the Police Gazette rules. The forfeit money was put up, and Thompson left for Cleveland, and thence will go to Sulphur Springs to go into training.

ABBOTT CAPTURED.

The Robber of the Watertown Bank Is Found at Pierce City, Kansas.

ST. LOUIS, April 24.—Tilden G. Abbott, formerly connected with and now charged with robbing the Watertown (Mass.) Bank of \$49,000 last fall, was arrested Monday night at Pierce City, where he has been living the past six weeks under the name of I. H. Foster.

He had purchased considerable property, stocked the store with \$15,000 worth of clothing, and was living with a woman he said was his niece. He has a wife and four children near Boston. His entire property was seized, and he will be held until officers of the bank arrive to take him away.

One Trial Too Many.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 24.—Yesterday afternoon Omar Bomanon was sentenced to be hanged August 8 for the murder of James Coon, of Waverly, Lancaster County, February 18, 1882. At the former trial at Lincoln the verdict was for the second degree, and he was sentenced to imprisonment for life. After serving eighteen months the defendant's counsel took the case to the Supreme Court, which set aside the verdict on account of informalities, hence the second trial on a change of venue to this county. The murder arose over a dispute of how the word "peddler" is spelt.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

St. Paul Wholesale Hardware Firm Fails for a Large Amount.

ST. PAUL, April 24.—Mayo & Clark, wholesale hardware dealers have suspended payment. Liabilities, \$135,000; assets, \$100,000. Unless an assignment is forced, the list of liabilities and assets will not be given. The creditors are in New York, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Louisville, Grand Rapids and Dayton.

HAMILTON, Ont., April 23.—Simpson, Stuart & Co., wholesale grocers, have suspended. Liabilities \$50,000. It is said the assets fully cover the liabilities.